

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: VEGA MASIGNANI et al.  
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For: ANTIGENIC MENINGOCOCCAL PEPTIDES

**BLANKET PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE/CREDIT DEPOSIT ACCOUNT**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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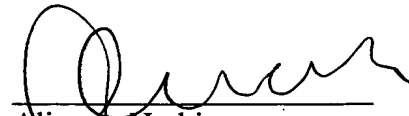
Sir:

If a paper is untimely filed in the subject application by applicant or his representative and such paper is not accompanied by an effective petition for extension of time, the Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the minimum extension of time required to make said paper timely. In the event a petition for extension of time is made under the provisions of this paragraph, the Commissioner is hereby requested to charge any fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)-(d) to Deposit Account No. 03-1664.

Respectfully submitted,

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